

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8-9, 2013
Hathaway Building, Room 126
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Joe Reichardt, Kathy Coon, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Cindy Hill, Sue Belish, Hugh Hageman, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Matt Garland and Scotty Ratliff

Also present: John Masters, WDE; Chelsie Bailey, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Deb Lindsey, WDE; Sandy Barton; Laurel Ballard, ETS; Elysia Conner, Casper Star; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; MacKenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

JANAURY 8, 2013

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Pete Gosar, the motion carried.

The Board came out of Executive session at 2:50 p.m.

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education formally show appreciation and continue to support the work that has been done by the State Board of Education Coordinator, Paige Fenton-Hughes, seconded by Ron Micheli; the motion carried.

JANAURY 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Reichardt called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Chelsie Bailey conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dana Mann-Tavegia, chairwoman of the nominating committee, presented to the Board the nomination of Ron Micheli for Chair. Kathy Coon moved to elect Ron Micheli as Chair, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

Dana Mann-Tavegia presented to the Board the nomination of Scotty Ratliff for vice chair. Walt Wilcox moved to elect Scotty Ratliff as vice chair, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

Dana Mann-Tavegia presented to the Board the nomination of Pete Gosar for Treasurer. Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to elect Pete Gosar as Treasurer, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron Micheli moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Hugh Hageman.

Sue Belish moved to amend the agenda by adding a discussion of Legislative Issues before “other issues, concerns, discussion and public comment” on the agenda, seconded by Walt Wilcox, the motion carried.

The motion to approve the agenda carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2, 2012, State Board of Education were presented for approval.

Sue Belish moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Belenda Willson, the motion carried.

Minutes from the December 10, 2012, State Board of Education teleconference were presented for approval.

Ron Micheli moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Dana Mann-Tavegia, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, reviewed with the Board a budget review handout. Pete noted that the Board is a quarter of the way through the biennium and doing well managing the budget. The treasurer also reviewed the 7(e) and 7(d) funds with the Board.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report with the ending balance of \$161,777.02, Kathy Coon seconded; the motion carried.

REPORT ON JOB CORPS

Sandy Barton, Fremont County BOCES director, presented to the Board information on the Wind River Job Corp. Her presentation included a video on a Job Corp located in Collbran, Colorado and reviewed information she provided. Sandy Barton will come to State Board with policy indicators ahead of time, to not hold up any of the processes. She extended an invitation to all members, that if they wish to visit a Job Corp to notify her and she would make the arrangements.

GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS

Trustee Sue Belish reviewed with the Board the graduation requirements chart provided in the packet and discussed the importance of determining the definition of a high school graduate. Sue suggested bringing together stakeholders from around the state to create that definition. Ron Micheli agreed that there would be value in that forum and identified that the legislature should be involved.

Sue Belish requested that Julie Magee, WDE, be tasked to present, in a future meeting to the Board, a process of getting stakeholders together around the state to create a definition..

WDE DATA COLLECTION

Sue Belish met with three different school districts in her area, and one of their concerns was all the reporting required of them and wanted to know if there was a way to review the reporting requirements to see if they are still necessary.

Drew Dilly and Kevin Lewis, WDE, presented to the Board three documents to help facilitate the discussion. Kevin Lewis reviewed the Data Advisory Committee's recommendations.

The State Board would like to help support the WDE by presenting the legislature with recommendations relative to statutory changes on unnecessary reporting if needed. Ron Micheli suggested that the WDE also look internally and determine if some of their reporting is still useful.

Trustee Belish thanked Kevin Lewis, Drew Dilly and Fred Hanson for their presentations; she will forward the information to her three surrounding school districts.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Sue Belish presented to the Board a letter from the Advisory Committee to the Select Committee on recommendations on accountability indicators. Sue Belish moved to support the recommendations from the Advisory Committee concerning the changes to the accountability model, Dana Mann Tavegia seconded; the motion carried.

EXTENSION OF ETS CONTRACT OR RFP

Deb Lindsey, WDE, reminded the Board that there are legislative changes that are necessary in moving forward with a state assessment which include: a current statute that prohibits writing in the statewide assessment and a statute that requires the test to have selected response only and not allowing short answers items in reading and math on the state test. Also, issues on alternate assessment and alternate assessment standards need to be reviewed and decisions made on what to pursue and how.

Sue Belish requested that Ms. Lindsey present both the pros and cons of Smarter Balance and PARCC in the Boards February teleconference call.

John Masters, Paige Fenton Hughes and Deb Lindsey worked together to draft a communiqué to the legislature expressing the concerns of current statutes. They suggested the Board adopt the letter and it been sent to LSO.

Sue Belish moved to approve the substances of the communiqué and it be sent to the Legislative Service Office, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

Deb Lindsey is available to answer any questions the members might have before the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

Trustee Pete Gosar notified the Board that a formal process for approval of payments needed to be established by the Board.

Mackenzie Williams, attorney for the Board, recommended the Board designate monetary value for each of the levels. The first level of \$750 would be a department discretion to spend on behalf of the Board. The second level would require approval from the Board Officers to spend between \$750 and \$2,000. Any amount above \$2,000 would need approval from majority of the Board.

Sue Belish moved to approve that spending levels discussed and revisit the issue in the Board's June meeting, seconded by Pete Gosar; the motion carried.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS FOR AGENDA CREATION

Sue Belish moved that the State Board of Education adopt the document in the packet as the procedure for agenda creation in the State Board of Education policy manual, seconded by Pete Gosar.

Ron Micheli moved to amend the motion to add that the State Board of Education Coordinator can submit agenda items, Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

The motion to adopt the document in the packet as the procedure for agenda creation in the State Board of Education policy manual, carried.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator, presented to the Board bills that had been proposed in the legislature.

House Bill 91, which included a provision for the State Board to hire four additional employees, get additional funds and essentially take over statewide accountability. Ron Micheli suggested the SBE Coordinator forward the Boards concerns to the Legislative Service Office but take no official action on the bill.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed bill to change the drop out age to 18.

Representative Amy Edmonds, encouraged that Board to look at other states and the work they have done in drop out ages, especially North Carolina. She noted that transitional ages are critical.

The Board also discussed proposed legislation that would make one of the Board members a sitting school board member.

Ron Micheli noted that with the transition of officers, committees will need to be looked at and possibly the creation of another committee will be need in the next meeting.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

Dana Mann-Tavegia gave her parting remarks to the Board by thanking the WDE staff and attorneys. She suggested the Board continue to visit local schools, keep a Board coordinator, keep reaching out to constituents, have more relaxed work sessions, and to take advantage of NASBE.

Dana Mann-Tavegia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hugh Hageman; the motion carried.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for a teleconference on February 11, 2013